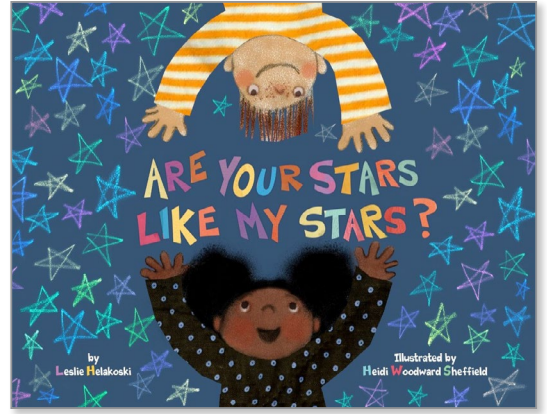


An ACTIVITY GUIDE for

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GEOGRAPHY

- Use a world map or globe to find and mark all the different countries and cities portrayed in the book *Are Your Stars Like My Stars?*
- Take a world map and have each child stick a star on the places from where their ancestors originated. Combine with a family tree project emphasizing how most of us come from different countries.
- Are your celebrations like my celebrations? Look up the holidays mentioned in the School Notes. Mark them on your calendar and do something to celebrate each one. Discuss.
- How many flags of the world have stars on them? Or how many flags from the states have stars?
- Spend a week dressing in the Thai colors for each day of the week. Monday is yellow or cream, Tuesday is pink, Wednesday is green, Thursday is orange or brown, Friday is aqua, Saturday is purple or black, and Sunday is red.

WRITING

Write letters to someone in your class or another class at your school. Say something nice to them. Notice something about them that is alike and different.

LANGUAGE

Is your hello like my hello? Research and find out what language is spoken in the listed countries. Learn different ways to say 'Hello' in each. Learn other words like 'stars' 'friend' or the names of colors.

ART

- Make your own 5 point origami stars and hang them from your ceiling. Here's a link with step by step directions and videos: homemade-gifts-made-easy.com/5-pointed-origami-star.html
- Give your class free reign to create stars any way they choose. Point out how each one is the same and how it is different.
- Make or give each child a star. Have them find someone who is wearing one of the colors in their star.
- Using magazines or craft paper, tear strips of all the shades and textures of blue children can find. (Or gold, brown, green, red, pink, black). Make them into a collage or picture.
- Find another color on each page other than the one featured.



SONG ★ I SEE THE STARS

(Sing the first stanza of this song together, then have each child suggest more objects they see outside such as ocean, mountains, birds, or even mailboxes and if you like, can insert into the song.)

I see the moon and the moon sees me,
The moon sees somebody I can't see.

I see the stars and the stars see me,
The stars see somebody I can't see.

I see the ____ and the ____ sees me.
The ____ sees somebody I can't see. *[Repeat]*

[End with] I see you and you see me,
Together we're one big family.

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STAR-BASED CRAFTS

{ TO NOTE: *These crafts were authored by some of our favorite online creators. Enjoy!* }



Instead of cookie cutters, could cut star shapes into potatoes and use as stamp.

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Use precut cardstock star to create a star-shaped self. Instead of holiday theme, paste a photo of child's face (or they can draw it in, if they prefer). Cut hands to glue to the side two points and shoes or boots to paste onto the lower two points. Cut and glue clothing using cloth, magazines or paper, cutting to fit star shape. Punch a hole in the top point and thread a ribbon through to hang.

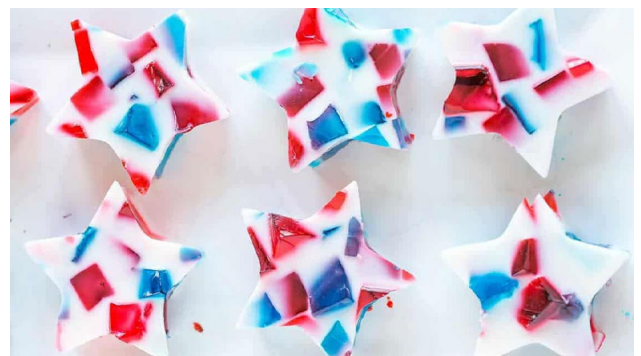
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ARE YOUR STARS LIKE MY STARS: NOTES

A number of countries are featured in *Are Your Stars Like My Stars?*. We have listed them here so you can learn more about other cultures and new friends.

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BLUE: Jamaica—A tropical island located in the sparkling Caribbean Sea. The warm waters are home to Jamaican parrotfish, kingfish, tuna, and mackerel.



BLUE: Chefchaouen, Morocco—A famous city where everything is painted in different shades of blue. (Chefchaouen means “blue pearl”) The city is also known for the many cats, which also live in the city. Should you meet a person from Chefchaouen, they are very hospitable and may offer you mint tea.

[\[Mint tea recipe\]](#)

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GOLD: Sweden—Midsummer is the most important holiday, second only to Christmas. People young and old create and wear crowns of fresh meadow flowers and dance around a maypole to celebrate the day, which is the longest of the year. A traditional treat is strawberry and cream cake called jordgubbstårta.

[\[Jordgubbstårta recipe\]](#)

GOLD: India—Diwali, the Festival of Lights takes place each autumn, celebrating the victory of light over darkness. The five-day festival culminates in people dressing in their nicest clothes, lighting diyas (candles or oil lamps), watching fireworks, sharing gifts and tasting sweets such as mohanthal, a fudge-like dessert. [\[Mohanthal recipe\]](#)

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BROWN: San Diego, California, USA—Friends and neighbors gathering in the Jardín Comunitario or Community Garden to plant seeds.

BROWN: Mexico—Abuela and granddaughter making marranitos [\[Mexican pig cookies recipe\]](#) and drinking champurrado, a traditional thick hot chocolate drink. [\[Champurrado recipe\]](#)

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GREEN: London, England—A girl playing in Queen’s Wood. Many sorts of trees and plants live here from cherry, birch and field maple to yellow pimpernel, goldilocks buttercup and wood sorrel. This includes different types of birds (three species of woodpecker), a rare type of jewel beetle, and more than 100 species of spiders.



GREEN: Amazon Rainforest, Brazil—Yanomami boy with quetzal, caterpillar (*Citheronia laocoon*) passion fruit (*Passiflora edulis*), and lobster claw (*Heliconia*).

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RED: Ypsilanti, Michigan USA—A family visits an apple orchard and cider mill in the fall to pick crunchy apples, drink tangy cider and eat warm donuts.

RED: CHINA—Chinese New Year, which takes place according to the lunar calendar, is the longest Chinese holiday and lasts for 15 days. [\[Chinese new year cake\]](#) The festival culminates in Festival of Lanterns, fireworks, moon gazing, lion dances and eating sweet rice dumplings, known as tang yuan, which symbolize family togetherness.

[\[Dumpling recipe\]](#) [\[Sweet rice balls recipe\]](#)

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PINK: Kailua Kona, Big Island, Hawaii—Girl at sundown, walking her dog. At sunset, you might hear the Hawaiian pū, which is a conch shell used as a horn. When the bottom of the sun touches the water, the first note is blown. Three more notes follow, with the last note blown just as the sun disappears. These notes call four Hawaiian gods. Regarding Hawaiian sunsets, they are especially beautiful because dust from the volcanos and moisture in the air scatters the light. When the sun is lower on the horizon, more pink, red and orange is seen and the colors are intensified.

PINK: Palestine, Jerusalem—Palestinian girls eating cotton candy in Jerusalem. Traditional sweets include halva, which is made from sesame seed paste, Harisseh, Hareeseh or Namoura (in other Arabic countries of the Eastern Mediterranean), is a sweet semolina cake with sugar syrup. Knaffeh is made from delicate noodle-like pastry soaked in syrup and layered with cheese and nuts. [\[Harisseh recipe\]](#) [\[Knafeh recipe\]](#)



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BLACK: Thailand—Brothers sleeping on bamboo mats, which is still a tradition in smaller towns in Thailand. It's not uncommon for family and friends to sleep together in the same space. Other customs include wearing different colors on a different day. Each day of the week has its own color. Monday is yellow or cream, Tuesday is pink, Wednesday is green, Thursday is orange or brown, Friday is aqua, Saturday is purple or black, and Sunday is red. Regarding food,

one popular native dish is a soup called Tom Kha Gai. [\[Chicken coconut soup recipe\]](#)

BLACK: Northern Canadian Inuit boy and girl looking at the aurora borealis, or northern lights. In the past, some Inuit people believed the northern lights were images of their ancestors in the sky. The rock formation also seen here is called an *inukshuk* (say "i-NOOK-shook") and looks like a man, made of stones. It can serve as a landmark or to mark a sacred place.

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WHITE: NamibRand Nature Reserve, southern Namibia—Brother and sister watching shooting stars, also known as meteorites. The largest known intact meteorite in the world is located in Namibia. It is 60-tons, 2.7 meters long and fell to earth 80,000 years ago.

WHITE: Cusco region of Peru—Peruvian girl wearing traditional dress and cuddling an alpaca. Alpacas are raised for their soft fiber which is made into blankets, scarves, sweaters, ponchos and other woven items. Both girls and boys from weaving communities learn how to spin alpaca fiber into yarn at an early age.



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ALL COLORS: Detroit, Michigan USA—An imagined community mural in Eastern market. Named one of the top mural festivals from around the world by Smithsonian Magazine. Eastern Market in Detroit has over 125 murals.

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